

Shipton Fete

Shipton was blessed with a beautiful day for the annual fete. This year local farmer Jo Cook performed the opening ceremony. We were lucky to have the 'biggest bouncy castle assault course' in Europe. It



certainly was popular with nearly four hundred 'children' having a go. A photograph was taken of residents of Shipton who have lived in the village for fifty years or more (see above).

The Shaven Crown won the Tug of War for the third consecutive year, and kindly donated their prize of 32 pints of Hook Norton beer to the raffle.

Great hilarity followed with the egg throwing competition. Some long

distances were achieved without the eggs breaking, but the inevitable happened, generally to much laughter. Many local organisations ran stalls for their own benefit so it is difficult to estimate the proceeds raised. The committee is hoping to donate

over £1,000 towards new play equipment for the children's play area.

The current committee, some of whom have been involved in organising fifteen fetes have decided that this was their last Fete. So if Shipton is to continue this tradition we need fresh faces to take over.

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Editor's note: The small band of volunteers who have worked so hard over many years deserve thanks from us all.

The Lady Reade Educational Foundation Charity

The present charity has been in existence since Dame Harriet Reade of Shipton Court started it before her death in 1811. Its purpose is to help local children fund further education. Anyone who has completed secondary education and lives in the Parishes of Milton, Shipton, Bruern, Lyneham, Leafield and Ramsden is eligible to apply for assistance to buy books or further educational aids. Preference will be given to those applicants who are in their first or second year of further education.

The original Trust Fund of £880 is invested with the Charities Official Investment Fund and produces an annual income which is given out every year. Contributions to the charity are made by the Parish Councils and the Parochial Church Councils and from commercial organisations and generous individuals living in the area. Further donations, are always gratefully received.

Application is invited at any time by letter or e-mail before the meeting in **early January** when grants to eligible students are awarded. Please reply to the Secretary & Trustee: **James Walmsley, Standing House, High Street, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxon OX7 6DG, or email: James.Walmsley@mistral.co.uk**